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1. An issue of Mella, organ of the Communist youth group, Juventud Socialista (JS-Socialist Youth), scheduled for 6 January 1949 to commemorate the birthday of Antonio Mella, one of the founders of the Cuban Communist Party, was not published because of financial difficulties.*
2. It was planned to print and distribute 20,000 copies of this edition of Mella throughout Cuba. The issue was to be devoted to the celebration of Mella's birthday and was also to contain an article translated from the Hungarian "Children's Railway of Budapest". However, before it could reach the streets, the directors of the newspaper ran into difficulty when an unknown individual stole the money available for the purchase of newsprint.
3. An appeal to Hoy, the PSP newspaper, met with no success because of outstanding unpaid bills which Mella owes that organization. It was understood that the staff of Mella was to be subjected to a major "purge".

*Nella last appeared in an edition covering the latter part of December 1948. New material brought by Flavio Bravo, leader of the JS, to Cuba upon his return from Europe in the latter part of the summer of 1948 was included in this issue.

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